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Four survive as Russian pvt jet crashes in Af

Four persons survived a plane crash while the condition of two others on board was not clear, Russia's aviation watchdog Rosaviatsia said. The jet was operating as a charter air ambulance and was en route from Thailand to Russia. It had a technical stopover at Gaya in Bihar for refuelling and was headed to Uzbekistan when it crashed in the mountainous Badakhshan province. There were four crew members and two passengers — all Russian.

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No holiday for Pratishtha, clarifies CM

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CHIEF Minister Siddaramaiah here on Sunday clarified that the state government will not declare a holiday on Monday, even as the Central government announced half-a-day of holiday for its employees to witness the consecration of Ram Lalla at Ayodhya.

"As per the order of the muzrai department, the pooja will be performed at all temples. I am inaugurating a Srirama temple at Mahadevapura Assembly constituency in Bengaluru. The organisers invited me to do so. I will not declare a holiday on Monday," he clarified while replying to a query from reporters at Siddaganga Mutt.

When his attention was drawn to the Tamil Nadu government banning the live telecast of the consecration event, Siddaramaiah turned red and asked angrily, "Why should I reply to Tamil Nadu's decision?"

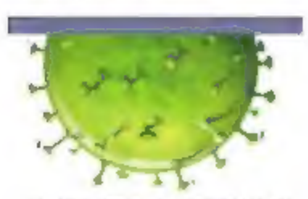
EXPRESS READ

India to deport 276 Myanmarese soldiers

Aizawl: India will send back 276 Myanmarese soldiers who fled to Mizoram last week following gunfights with an ethnic insurgent group. With this repatriation, which will continue on Monday and Tuesday, over 600 soldiers from Myanmar will be sent back.

Juvenile held in J&K terror attack case

Jammu: The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has arrested a juvenile in connection with the 2023 Dhangri terrorist attack in Jammu and Kashmir's Rajouri district that claimed the lives of seven civilians. **P9**



6 DEATHS

DUE TO COVID IN COUNTRY

India has logged 290 fresh cases of Covid, with six deaths, four from Kerala and one each from Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh, reported in a span of 24 hours, according to the ministry's data

Seating arrangements being made at the Ram temple for the consecration ceremony | PTI

Ayodhya set for Lord Ram's homecoming

HAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

AYODHYA is all set for the Ram temple consecration on Monday in a grand ceremony that will be attended by thousands and watched live by crores of people worldwide. Most of the guests have reached the temple town, which is on the cusp of becoming one of the most prominent spiritual destinations on the global map.

Decorated with some 3,000 kg flowers, confetti and fluttering saffron flags emblazoned with the symbols of Treta Yug, the holy city has spread its arms to welcome some 7,000 distinguished guests led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Monday dawn will be marked by 'Mangal Dhwani' made through 50 musical instruments of different states. It will continue for two hours from 10 am till the commencement of the consecration ritual.

Modi will land at Ayodhya at 10:25 am and reach the temple by 11 am. Till noon, the PM will take part in various events and will start the puja at 12.05 pm till 12.55 pm. He will spend about 3.5 hours in the temple town till 2:10 pm. Accompanied by 15 other Yajmans from different sections of society, the PM will take the week-long rituals to culminate in final ritual — Chakshu Unmilan (opening of eyes) — of the deity.

After entering the sanctum sanctorum, the PM will remove the blindfold from the idol and will apply 'kajal' on the eyes of the deity with a gold stick. He will then show a mirror to Ram Lalla followed by a Mahaarti by illuminating 108 diyas to conclude consecration of Ram Lalla. The final ritual has a window of just 84 seconds – between 12.29.08 pm and 12.30.32 pm. **P6, 9,10**

AI drones deployed

Over 10,000 CCTV cameras and drones equipped with artificial intelligence technology have been deployed

3,000 kg of flowers

Over 3,000 kg of rich fragrance-bearing flowers brought from Chennai will be used for decorating the sanctum santorum of the temple in Ayodhya

Assam Congress chief injured in Rahul yatra

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @ Guwahati

DRAMATIC scenes unfolded in Rahul Gandhi's Bharat Jodo Nyay Yatra on Sunday as Assam Congress chief Bhupen Kumar Borah was assaulted and left with a bleeding nose. When the yatra bus reached Jamugurihat in Sonitpur district, about 60 people gheraoed the bus, according to the Congress. When Borah got down from the bus, he was beaten up. Those who tried to save the state Congress chief were also thrashed, party leaders claimed.

Congress leader Jairam Ramesh criticised Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma for the yatra's troubles in the state. He said the CM became nervous from the day a group of women left the venue of a "government programme" to meet Gandhi and take photos with him.

Congress leaders alleged Gandhi and others were heckled on Monday by a crowd who chanted 'Jai Shri Ram' and 'Modi, Modi' slogans. Speaking at a meeting later, Gandhi said, "Around 20-25 BJP workers carrying sticks came in front of our bus; when I came out from the bus, they ran away."

On Monday, Gandhi was to visit a Vaishnavite monastery betwen 8-9 am, but was denied permission. The monastery asked Gandhi to reach there only after 3 pm, saying his visit in the morning would disturb the programmes being planned in connection with the Ram temple consecration.

Suburban rail project sluggish

S LALITHA @Bengaluru

THE only corridor of the Bengaluru Suburban Rail where work has started – Corridor 2 from Benniganahalli to Chikkabannavar – is proceeding at a sluggish pace, though one-and-a-half years have lapsed since the work order was issued. A major chunk of the required land is yet to be handed over to the contractor, while a serious labour shortage had impacted the contractor, but was solved recently. CONTINUED ON: P4

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